



# The Pilot



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## Principal Advises Parents on Iowa Tests

Dear Parents:

During Regents Week in January, 1958, we shall administer a special test to certain pupils. This letter is intended to explain the nature and purpose of the test to all our parents.

The IOWA TEST OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT will be administered to all pupils in the ninth and tenth grades on January 17, 20, 21 and 22, 1958. It consists of hundreds of objective questions in nine areas of general education; hence it will require four days. The tests are marked by machine in Iowa, and the results are returned to us. The cost of the tests is borne by the Board of Education, as a service to those high schools which are willing to undertake it. In view of the nature of the test, pupils can not profit by cramming in advance.

### Are Achievement Tests

Briefly, the tests will indicate the approximate status of each pupil in various common learnings, as compared with national norms, class norms, etc. They are neither intelligence tests nor aptitude tests, but achievement tests in English, arithmetic, history, science, reading, vocabulary, etc. Taken with other significant information in each child's record, the scores should be useful in indicating general areas of strength and weakness. Where there is marked disagreement between these results

and our information about a pupil, we shall make every effort to analyze the inconsistency.

### Require Careful Interpretation

Although a test can be scored by machine, it can NOT be intelligently interpreted except by an expert. Any layman can easily be taught to measure blood pressure, for example, but only a physician can use the information properly. Moreover, even the best physician can not interpret the significance of blood pressure without a great deal of additional information about the patient, which he obtains by other tests, personal contact, case history, etc. You can therefore understand why your physician has the results of laboratory tests sent to him rather than to you, and why he prefers to explain their significance to you in person.

### Parents May Know Results

Similarly, the results of these tests will be placed in the personal folders of the pupils, where they will be of value to the various grade advisers in helping our boys and girls to plan their futures wisely. The grade advisers will be glad to interpret the results for any parents who wish to see them. Parents need only make the usual appointment.

JON B. LEDER  
Principal

## 2 Seniors Place In Merit Test

As a result of their high scores on the Scholarship Qualifying Test given here October 22, two of our seniors, Susan Jablonsky and Lee Rosenblum, have become semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

If they receive high marks on the Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Boards, and compare favorably with high school seniors throughout the country with respect to leadership and character, they will be eligible for a National Merit Scholarship.

## Tower Receives 1st Place Rating

Last year's *Tower*, the senior yearbook, won a first place in the 1957 Columbia Scholastic Press Association Contest. Fort Hamilton was one of the few academic high schools in New York city thus honored.

Responsible for the supervision of the publication were Miss Rose Riccobono, former literary adviser; Mrs. Mildred Liger, art staff adviser; and Mr. Alexander Selwyn, business ad-

viser.

"The hard work and splendid cooperation shown by William Borman, Gale Tollefsen, Barbara Delaney, Unni Erickson, and Marguerite Paradise, members of last year's editorial board, contributed immeasurably to the high score we received," said Miss Riccobono.

## Club Aids Needy In Yuletide Drive

The Red Cross Club, headed by Miss Hanna Mattson, has completed a campaign for our school to fill 75 stockings and dress thirty dolls for the Junior Red Cross. The Red Cross will distribute them to the sick and underprivileged children in hospitals and institutions.

Mr. Alvin Olson, a member of the Shop Department, made some chairs for use at the Fort Hamilton Service Center. Mr. Matheson's and Mr. Olson's classes are now making thirty toy trucks for holiday giving. The Art Department made tray mats to be used in the veterans' hospitals during the holiday season.

One of the most active of the volunteers is Joel Goldberg, 3A17, school delegate to the Brooklyn Junior Red Cross Council. Joel has repeatedly stayed in after school to help with the packages.

## French 4A7 Forms Unique Class Club

French 4A7, taught by Mr. Louis Golomb, has organized a club, "Français du Fort," which meets every Friday during the seventh period. The members are actually the students in the fourth year French class.

Club meetings are devoted to individual reports on various aspects of French life and culture, and to hearing French records.

Officers consist of Lee Rosenblum, president; Karen Larsen, vice president; Dolores Vozzo, secretary; and Howard Nelson, treasurer.

## Arista Inducts 90 Members At Annual Candlelight Ceremony

### Arista Adviser and Officers



Janet Ray

By Mary Anne Giambalvo

Two weeks ago, the school honor society welcomed ninety new members into its ranks, the largest number of inductees ever to be admitted in one year. They were received in an installation ceremony conducted by Mrs. Mary Catania, faculty adviser of Arista.

Present on the stage were the senior members of the society; Mr. Jon B. Leder, principal; Miss Elizabeth G. Hoffman and Mr. James L. Quigley, Administrative Assistants; Mrs. Catania; and Miss Janice Alberti, Assistant Faculty Adviser of Arista.

### Beautiful Candlelight Ceremony

The traditional, beautiful candlelight ceremony was conducted by Joan Schneider, Girl Leader; Harry Quayle, Boy Leader; and Barbara Cowles and Frank Gibbs, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. The central candle, typifying past members of Arista, was lighted by Frank; from it the candle symbolizing Schol-

Seated: Harry Quayle, Boy Leader; Joan Schneider, Girl Leader. Standing: Barbara Cowles, Secretary.

Faculty Adviser; Treasurer; Barbara

## Girl Leader Plans to Teach; Boy Leader to Study Science

By Virginia Cordy

Who is Girl Leader of Arista? Who is President of the Senior Council? Who was treasurer of G.O. and Secretary of Beacons last year? Who but Joan Schneider!

A senior of true integrity, Joan is well-known by teachers and students alike for her wide interest in school activities and her outstanding personality, both of which have made her one of Hamilton's most popular students.

When your reporter approached some of her many friends, they explained with simple and earnest enthusiasm, "Oh, she's wonderful!"

### Wants to Teach

Joan's favorite subjects are economics and English but she is also partial to nutrition and home nursing. She has hopeful eyes turned toward Oneonta State Teachers College where she would like to major in home economics. Joan says she prefers Oneonta because of its "small college atmosphere."

She has always been active in school service and clubs (Latin, Psychology, and others) and is an outstanding member of Beacons. A veteran of our honor gym society, she has a keen interest in sports, particularly tennis, bowling and swimming.

### Swam at Five

Joan first learned to swim when she was five, has received all the certifi-

By Frank Gibbs

... and then I asked Harry, "What will you remember most about Fort Hamilton?" He answered simply in his deep voice, "Many things, but most of all, I think I'll remember my teachers."

So spoke Harry Quayle in the Arista office, where he works every day as Boy Leader of the school honor society.

This active senior's friends know him as a modest student with a variety of interests. His scholastic ones center around the sciences and mathematics. In this field, he has earned an average in the 90's and has the distinction of being fifteenth in a class of 600.

### No Time for Idleness

When 3 P.M. rolls around, you'll find Harry busier than ever. His time is occupied by the *Pilot*, where he is a reporter; and by the many Arista responsibilities the Boy Leader must assume. Managing the cross-country team during his junior year and serving on the Bio Squad have also helped consume his free time.

Last June, Harry turned politician and had the opportunity to be a part of the Empire Boys' State. There he proved his popularity by being elected a city official.

Outside of school activities, Harry leads a very full life, what with track



arship was lighted by Harry Quayle. Joan Schneider illumined the candle of Service, and Barbara Cowles the candle of Character.

After the Arista oath was administered by Mrs. Catania, the new members were presented to Mr. Leder. They ascended the stage and received their pins and certificates from Joan Schneider and Frank Gibbs.

### "Very Cooperative Students"

"Working with very cooperative students makes my job enjoyable," said Mrs. Catania to your reporter after the assembly. "Also, the capable Arista staff assists me in many of my duties. I've worked with fine, young people like these for many years and hope to continue doing so for many more."

Below are the newly inducted Arista members listed alphabetically.

### New Members

Charlene Alekel, Joan Amatucci, Carolyn Anderson, Hans Aus, Julia Avramides, Antoinette Babaro, Virginia Balasis, Carol Barbera, Joel Bernstein, Barbara Bold, Barbara Brautman, Bonnie Breslin, Arthur Broder, Arthur Cadornie, Dorothy Cali, Ronald Caridi, Jonathan Charney, Barbara Cohn, Peter Constan-

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## Pilot Seeks Old Tower Issues

The *Pilot* is now engaged in a search for certain back issues of the *Tower* to complete its files. If you know of the whereabouts of any of the copies listed below—copies which can be dispensed with and contributed, it would be greatly appreciated by the editors.

Please bring it (or them) to the Pilot Office, room 362.

The issues needed are: January 1951, June 1950, January 1949, June 1949, June 1948, January 1947, January 1945, June 1945, January 1944, June 1944.



## The Editors Say...

### Aim High, Reach High

Arista—a name that awes freshmen and commands the respect of all. Arista—an organization of the top 4% of the student body, dedicated to the ideals of character, service, and scholarship.

Membership in Arista is the goal of many Fort Hamiltonites, yet not enough students have this goal in mind. A number of boys and girls have the ability to become members, yet feel that Arista membership is beyond their reach. This is not necessarily so. With the increase in the school enrollment, Arista's membership has increased also, and now includes a record 137 upperclassmen.

Arista membership is a great achievement in a student's career. It aids in admission to college and leads to greater job opportunities, in addition to giving an individual a large measure of personal satisfaction. These benefits can be yours; they are not beyond reach. Perseverance is the primary requirement.

The person who sets his sights high may be astonished at his remarkable accomplishments.

### The Drifting Joiner

Meet Joe—a lower-classman of Fort Hamilton who intends to go to college and wants to be a member of Arista. He has impulsively joined as many extra-curricular activities as possible in order to build up a good record.

Joe may be found inhabiting—and inhabiting—clubs any afternoon of the week. He's the lethargic fellow in the back who's never on time, forever asking irrelevant questions, and very much dissatisfied with the organization's programs—there's always too much work. He's merely there for credit.

Joe is a joiner, the type for whom club advisers cannot give a good recommendation.

If Joe had seriously examined his own preference, he could have joined one or two activities to which he would enjoy contributing. He doesn't realize that the best records do not necessarily consist of the largest number of activities.

If you have been a Drifting Joiner, like Joe, we suggest that you select your clubs on the basis of interest, not credit. Then you'll find membership enjoyable, stimulating, rewarding.

## Senior Scrapbook

By Barbara Cowles

### "AUTUMN LEAVES"

This was the motif of our first Senior Dance. The boys gym was barely recognizable, decorated in various fall colors with hand-painted leaves and acorns, and with real branches covering the windows and walls.



Many of us scarcely paused to catch our breath as we danced to the lilting music of Bill Spilka's Band. As an extra-special, very-much-welcome treat, Pete Mincieli sang *Night and Day*, and as numerous cries of "Encore" were heard, he also entertained us with *All of Me*.

Soda and pretzels were served continually, and at midnight our wonderful dance reluctantly came to a close. Senior girls took all "the trimmings" home as souvenirs of a memorable evening.

### HAYRIDE NOTE

Our second Senior Hayride was considered by the seniors and their guests a marvelous follow-up to the first. Once again the heavens adjusted themselves to the "Senior requirements," for the stars shone their brightest.

At the end of the evening, the seniors of 1958 agreed unanimously on one point: If the past two hayrides illustrate the spirit of our class, this year will be one of the most unforgettable in Fort Hamilton's history.

### PERHAPS YOU KNOW . . .

Senior Social Activities will not be as numerous during January, and possibly February, due to college examinations and rehearsals for the Senior Show.

The Tower staff has arranged with a professional photographer to visit the school six times. He will photograph the administrators and senior prefect teachers, and also take many candid shots, especially on Senior Day, February 7.

## Miss Janice Alberti Enjoys Teaching, Clubs, Travel

By Margaret Moore

It's hard to believe that Miss Janice Alberti has been here such a relatively short time, for this young and vivacious social studies teacher has become well known and popular.

Miss Alberti, who came to our school three years ago, is now assistant to Arista Adviser Mrs. Mary Catania; is co-adviser of Minutemen with Mrs. Judith Rothman; and co-adviser of the Newman Club with Miss Rita McCann. Quite a busy schedule!

### M.A. From Columbia

A native of Staten Island, Miss Alberti graduated from St. Joseph's College for Women, Brooklyn, and received her M.A. in political science from Columbia University.



She enthusiastically described the plans of the Minutemen for

this year's activities. In the near future they will see the movie *Search for Paradise* and eat at a Franco-Italian restaurant. The members are also starting their drive to collect funds for UNICEF, the United Nations body concerned with international child welfare. The Newman Club, which has had a skating party, will attend a performance of the Blackfriars Guild.

Last summer Miss Alberti toured Europe with her sister and visited London, Paris, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, and Tangiers (North Africa). "The highlights of our trip were Rome, the University of Rome, and Florence," she said reflectively.

### Visits Famous Art Gallery

A lover of Renaissance art, she also found opportunity to visit the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, which

is the best Italian Renaissance collection. In Tangiers she enjoyed the native quarter, fascinated by the food, the delicious mint tea. The bullfights of Seville were also enjoyed greatly.

During the Christmas vacation Miss Alberti will tour Ottawa with Miss Elizabeth Ahearn, Miss Joan McCabe, and Miss Rita McCann. They hope to include skiing in their trip.

### Learning to Paint

Miss Alberti's interest in art extends to experimenting in water colors. She has been taking an adult education course in this field under the instruction of Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of our Art Department.

An avid theatre-goer, Miss Alberti has been attending as often as time permits.

### Enjoys Teaching Here

In general, she finds the students here enthusiastic, well-mannered, and capable of doing good work. "I enjoy teaching here very much," she said.

## Backwash

By Karen Swenson

Scene: North Pole—Santa's workshop. Enter an explorer carrying a drunken St. Bernard dog, which he drops on the floor and sits on.

St. Bernard: Hic!

Enter a tall, slender, clean-shaven man in Ivy League slacks and dirty white bucks. He is smoking a cigar.

Collegian: And who are you?

Explorer: The name is Alfred E. Neuman, reporter for the Steubenville Press. Would you please direct me to Santa Claus?

Collegian: Do you mean to say that they still use that ridiculous name? Just call me Sam—Sam Claus.

Neuman: But what about the long white beard, the red suit, and the round belly?

Claus: Oh, those went out with the Russian Revolution. That suit was too uncomfortable for working. And whenever I smoked, the beard would go up in flames. So one of the two had to go. It was very easy to give up the beard. And my "little round belly"! Got so I couldn't even tie my shoelaces, so the doctor put me on a strict diet.

Neuman: Well, how is the toy business, Santa—er, Sam?

Claus: Bad, man, bad. I'm going to have to double the number of street-corner Santas this year. Materials are getting so expensive, you know.

Neuman: What about the labor problem?

Claus: Oh, I have none of that. You see, nobody believes in elves or gnomes any more, and they're all migrating up here, looking for work. We even get a few stray leprechauns in this area, but they're not much good. All they do is sit around telling jokes. Oh, that reminds me, I have to fix the blinker on my sleigh.

Neuman: Blinker?

Claus: New regulation. Last year some stupid Civil Defense warden reported me as an unidentified flying object and the Strategic Air Command nearly shot me down. All I'm worried about this year is bumping into one of the Sputniks.

Neuman: Well, it's been nice talking to you.

Claus: Wait, don't go yet. Stay for a bit of Christmas cheer.

St. Bernard (eagerly): Hic!

## Charlie Cub Says...



## Driftwood

By Lee Rosenblum

Sad and I, one day last week,  
Were walking along—we didn't speak.  
We were too busy fighting our way

Through crowds of people, groups of Salvation Army Santa Clauses, people selling things at half price outside of department stores, and a group singing a rock 'n' roll version of *Jingle Bells*,  
To stop and pass the time of day.



And in our hands we both held tightly

Some paper known as money, rightly;

We hoped and prayed our funds would stretch

To cover one pogo stick, one horsewhip, three cans of rat poison, and a book entitled *1,001 Ways to Rid Yourself of Children and Other*

### Household Pests.

These were the gifts we wanted to fetch.

We shoved and pushed from store to store;

Bought something here, and there some more.

Our feet were mashed most impolitely

By three women who weighed at least 300 pounds each, a floor walker who wasn't any feather either, and the same group of choristers mentioned before. Those people did not tread so sprightly.

Onward and upward went our cry;

We kept on finding more to buy.

Some things old Sad could not quite find,

For instance, one chocolate bone, a large satin collar, four pounds of horsemeat, and three cut-crystal dog bowls.

He hopes his relatives won't mind.

I turned and asked what he would deem

A proper gift to show esteem.

He thought and thought—and then he said,

"Oh, two pairs of boots to keep my feet dry, or a reddish plaid vest for my middle, or a nice cat to chase, or a book to enjoy;

Also a homberg for my head."



He turned to me and asked and sighed  
The self-same question; I replied.

"Not much," I told him with a smile,

"I only want stocks in A.T. & T. or G.E. or G.M., or a small thousand dollar gift certificate, or a year's supply of gold book covers, or a bright red Jaguar in the latest style.

We followed the shoppers down the street,  
With many a gift and a holiday treat.

We studied our wallets—it made us choke

When we saw that we had only one subway token, an autographed picture of Rock Hudson, a program card, and two old theatre tickets.

We discovered, to make it brief, we were broke.

Alas, we knew we still had missed

A gift for Aunt Janet, the first on the list;

And one for old Mort and one for Aunt Lizzy—

There's a very interesting story about Aunt Lizzy and a railroad brakeman whom she ran away with twenty years ago in the worst blizzard this state has ever seen, but—oh, well . . .

And these threw both of us into a tizzy.

Tired and hungry, we reached home late;

O Yuletide shopping I strongly hate!

Sad tried to tell me it wasn't so bad—

After all, we lost only three toes, all our money, and four hours time which could better have been spent catching up with *The Adventures of Dick Tracy*.

I could only mutter, "Oh, really, Sad."



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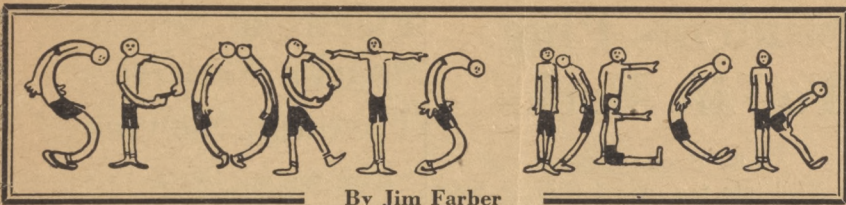
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By Jim Farber

Last month Fort Hamilton inaugurated its basketball season with its annual clash against St. Michael's. Spirits were high and the game was very close. St. Michael's got an edge in the third quarter and it proved to be enough to give them a victory.

Despite the loss, our team was given a terrific lift in morale by the turnout of spectators. It's always heartening to play before a crowd of vociferous boosters, and it is hoped that the same spirit will be displayed at



future games. This is particularly important where league games are concerned.

There was a league game against Lincoln yesterday at 3:30 p.m., in the boys gym. League games on our home courts will also be played on the afternoon of January 13th with Manual, and in the evening of the 17th. I needn't mention the St. Michael's alumni game tomorrow evening here, as this always draws a capacity crowd.

Let's go all out for these games and cheer our team to victory!

#### Unis, Conlin Outstanding

Outstanding members of the team at this time are Captain Billy Unis and Dick Conlin, both trained veterans. Coach Kern says they are playing heads-up ball this year. One new member of the team who shows a great potential is Billy Conte. In the game against Wingate last month, this hooper was high scorer for the Blue and White even though he played little more than half the game.

#### Keglers Really Rolling

As this issue goes to press, Mr. Flaster's bowling team holds high hopes for the top position in its division, as well as the possibility of a borough championship. The team thus far is undefeated in league com-

and has to win only two more matches to attain its first objective, the division championship.

Coach Flaster says the team is very well balanced with all the starting bowlers averaging more than 150 per game. The team itself has an average of almost 155 per game for the season.

## Harriers Place 5th in P.S.A.L.

The cross-country team wound up a successful season last month.

The runners, led by Tom McGrath, placed fifth in the Brooklyn P.S.A.L. with Tom coming in first. In the City P.S.A.L. (58 schools), Fort Hamilton placed fourteenth, again led by Tom McGrath, who is co-captain with his brother Charlie.

"This is one of the best groups of boys that I've ever worked with," said Mr. Francis Ptak, the team's coach. "Their tireless practicing has always paid off in meets, as shown by this season's results."

In other meets of at least fifty or sixty schools from all over New England, the Blue and White always placed in the top twenty-five.

The team has ten members besides the McGraths: Bill Urban, Carl Swalling, Larry Lynch, John Perroni, Jim Budd, Marty Schwan, Tony Sicrione, Gary Micilli, Jack Ritz, and Herb Irgens.

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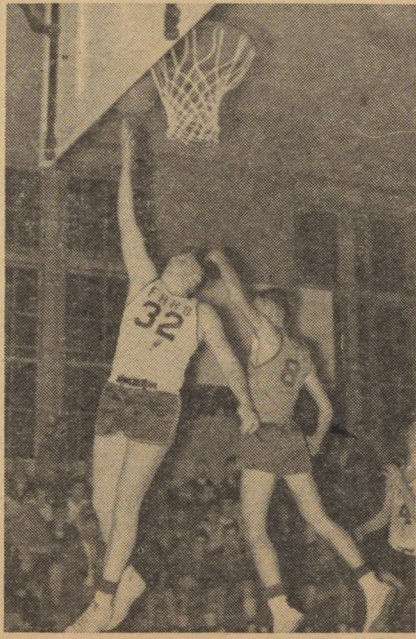
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## Basketball Ballet



Frank Gibbs

Dick Conlin, No. 32, stretching for the lay-up in the game against St. Michael's, November 15th.

## Soccer Team Has Potential

"This year's soccer team," according to Coach Gordon Lebowitz, "is a young and inexperienced team, but I

expect that with an increased amount of practice, it will top every team in Brooklyn. I've watched the team take two out of three games from Brooklyn Tech and Poly Prep and have observed its great potentialities."

Led by their capable captain, James Katsilolos; their managers, David Bittar and Harvey Brown; and their assistant manager, Charles Perienzo, the soccer boys are confident that they will improve upon this year's record.

Members of the team are: Ronald Abis, Lance Borman, Peter Korinis, Robert Madsen, Herman Seidel, Karl Rafos, Chris Giannokouros, Peter Courakos, Karl Lislevath, Zvonimi Sepanovic, Albert Tait, Mike Gentile, Ronald Bache, Fred Strobel.

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## Fleet-footed Blue and White Runners



Frank Gibbs

Don't worry if you can't tell them apart. Many people can't. They are Tom and Charlie McGrath, who spark the cross-country and track teams.

## Cheerleaders Add Spirit to Games

Alabama Shake! Hep, Hep, Hit it! Those of you who have seen Hamilton's attractive cheerleaders in action will recognize this cheer as one of the many that they execute during the Blue and White basketball games.

The cheerleaders, under the supervision of Mrs. Mildred Liger, are assisted by the boosters, who add the "feminine touch" to the game of basketball.

Captain of the squad is Diane McKaba; co-captain, Jane Wilinski; and secretary, Ruth Bragin. The remaining members comprise Marie Anzalone, Linda Goldberg, Linda Israel, Barbara Fireno, Jean Moser, Dorothy Pekmezaris, Jean Caccavale, Maryanne Radice, Barbara Bold, Arlene Brodish, Elaine Villias, and Marguerite La Mantia.

## Chemistry Squad

### Renders Service

The Chemistry Squad, under the supervision of Mrs. Nelly Juul, is one of the most active groups in the school. The duties of the members consist in keeping classes fully equipped with needed apparatus.

The boy assistants also build apparatus that will help the chemistry and physics students to understand better the topic being discussed. Many of the displays and demonstrations found in the chemistry and physics classes have been prepared with painstaking care.

Some of Mrs. Juul's assistants are: Donald Thompson, 4A1; Cliff Larsen, 4B4; Winfried Hansen, 3A3; David Bittar, 4B16; Roger Johnson, 4B18; John Fenniman, 4B6; Louis Morales, 4B6; James Fitzpatrick, 4A1; Vincent Delia, 4A15; James Holldorf, 3AJ25.

Several senior boys will have given three years of service in the lab by the time they graduate this coming June. These future scientists are getting good training in their field of interest.

## Sharpshooters Have Their Eyes on 1958

The rifle team, under the supervision of Mr. Robert Bedell, is looking forward to a good year. The six new starters are Aasgeir Korsnes, Phillip D'Ambrosio, Edward Bittar, Robert Duryea, Leighton Loraine, and John Trabulsi.

Last year's team ended second in our division of the P.S.A.L. The sharpshooters ended the 1956 and the 1957 seasons with a four out of six record.

The boys are already hitting an 825 score. According to the coach, tryouts for next year's squad will take place during the spring.

## 95 Peppy Boosters Aid Cheerleaders

The Booster Squad, under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Steinmetz, has begun its 1957-1958 sea-

son. The squad consists of ninety-five girls elected on the basis of their appearance, personality, and willingness to aid the school.

The chief function of the Boosters is to assist the Cheerleaders at basketball games. They also aid by selling tickets.

Said Miss Steinmetz, "These girls are essential to the spirit and pep of the games. They render a very valuable service to Fort Hamilton."

The officers are as follows: Norma Nofal, captain; Betty Ann Westenberg, co-captain; Helen Cuyulis and Karen Youngman, secretaries.

## McGrath Twins Win at Meets For Hamilton

By Judy Halper

To sports-minded Hamiltonites, track and the McGrath twins are practically synonymous. These tall, good-looking boys, identical in almost every respect, have won fifteen medals between them.

Tom and Charles belong to the cross-country and track teams. Each twin has his own special accomplishment. Tom recently placed first in the Brooklyn Cross Country Track Meet, competing against 112 boys, and running a distance of two and a half miles in 13 minutes and 45 seconds. Charles, who placed ninth in the race, became the third boy in this school to break his novice in both running and high jumping.

#### Enjoy All Sports

The boys enjoy all sports, in particular, baseball, swimming, and football. One-time Dodger fans, the McGraths have switched their allegiance to the Yankees. In the little spare time they have, the twins remodel old cars.

As is to be expected, track is their main interest. Charles and Tom practice an average of ten hours a week. "Many tedious work-outs are necessary to keep physically fit," said Charles; "but when we get good results, we don't mind the strain."

#### St. John's or N.Y.U.

The McGraths plan to continue with athletics in college and will attend either St. John's or N.Y.U. "We're still undecided about our future careers, but we'll probably prepare for business administration," said Tom.

## Golfers Indoors

The Blue and White golf team, which won the Brooklyn champion-

ship last season, is starting indoor practice for the coming year.

Coach Matheson says that the team is going to do its best for a successful 1958, despite the loss of two outstanding veterans.

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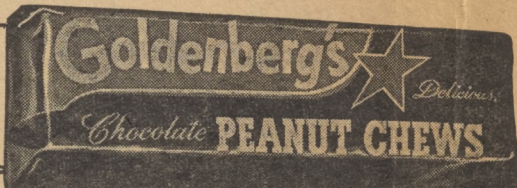
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## Perform Skit On Hamilton's Life At Assembly

The Social Studies Department, under the supervision of Miss Frances Hennessy, chairman; Miss Elizabeth Ahearn; and Miss Emma Korner, presented an entertaining and instructive program to the Junior Assembly, Tuesday, November 26.

The first portion consisted of speeches by Lee Rosenblum, Frank Gibbs and Harry Quayle, who discussed a week spent at Empire Girls' State and Empire Boys' State, respectively, where the students learned something about participating in governmental affairs.

A take-off on the television program, *This Is Your Life*, followed these talks. The play, written by the cast, told the story of the life of Alexander Hamilton. This year is the bicentennial of his birth.

The major roles of Ralph Edward and Alexander Hamilton were played by Nicholas Stravriotis and Fred Buffa. Other parts were taken by William Lantz, Richard Henning, Robert Krokus, Laila Dahl, Russell Stone, Peter Scudder, Morris Kramer, Florence Gorman, Roger Nichols, Lee Olsen, and Daniel Strongarone. The announcer was Anne Reich.

## Joan Schneider

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cates from beginner to advanced, is a junior lifesaver and water safety aide, and has appeared in an aquatics water show.

### Some Opinions

On music: "I like Rock 'n' Roll and Elvis Presley; I also enjoy show music."

On books: "My favorite author is Pearl S. Buck and my main interest in books seems to be novels about foreign countries."

The future: "I will always cherish the memories of my happy days here."

## Projection Squad Supplies Films

The Projection Squad, under the supervision of Mr. Herman Keilson, supplies subject teachers with films to be viewed in class. There are thirty members on this squad, of whom five are seniors.

These seniors are Joel Bernstein, 4A9; Joe Grancio, 4A5; Paul Holzer, 4B2; Robert Kane, 4B10; and Robert Krokus, 4A3.

Hamilton owns more than one hundred films, consisting of full period films, shorts, and slides. The science and history classe are the two most frequent viewers of these films. One of the services of this squad is to preview the films for teachers before they are presented in class by the squad members.

Said Mr. Keilson, "I am extremely proud of the fine work and cooperation shown by my squad members, for we could not have audio-visual aids without them."

## RCA Engineer Addresses Seniors

A number of seniors attended a career conference November 13 at which they were advised on various fields of engineering.

Mr. George Maedel, an electrical engineer and president of RCA Institutes, spoke briefly; then he introduced other engineers who discussed civil, mechanical, chemical, electrical, and mining and metallurgical engineering.

In a talk about this fast growing field, Mr. Maedel emphasized that it was desirable for future engineers to have a background of mathematics, physics, chemistry, English, sociology, language, economics, and drawing.

## Three Teachers Get Fellowships

Three Hamilton teachers were recently awarded fellowships to the New York University In-Service Institute in biology, physics, and chemistry, under a grant from the Esso Foundation.

Mrs. Helen Low, Mr. Max Eisner and Mr. Henry Kamin are attending a series of four-hour sessions which run from October to May. They are addressed by top lecturers in every field who discuss the latest scientific developments with the group of one hundred teachers from the metropolitan area.

"The course is fascinating," said Mr. Kamin. "It's really stimulating to hear of new developments and to discuss educational methods with fellow teachers."

## Harry Quayle

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workouts, reading, church activities, hunting, camping, ice skating and swimming. All these contribute to the making of a very likeable fellow.

### To Columbia?

Next year you may see added to the under-graduate student body of Columbia University a Hamiltonite who expects to make a career of science. Undoubtedly it will be our own Harry Quayle.

... and then I said to Harry, "I'm sure that you'll remember Hamilton when you're gone, and I'm just as sure that Hamilton will remember you."

## Are You Hep To Vocabulary?

By Jonathan Kamin

Are you verbal? Are you hep to

vocabulary? Note these words from *Funk and Wagnall's Unabridged Dictionary* (1920 edition). Try them on for intellectual size; then remember that times have changed.

Quiz—an absurd or mock-serious question; a hoax.

Radio—an abbreviation for radio-telegram; a prefix in the combining form indicating connection with the radius of the arm.

Rocket—a cylinder-shaped firework at the upper end of a stick or tripod, used for killing whales.

Uranium—a rare, heavy white element. It is not found native and has no important uses.

Goosetongue—sneezewort.

Television—vision obtained of a distant object through a telegraphoscope.

Desuetude—disuse.

Monopolylogue—a performance in which one actor takes many parts.

## Herpetologist Invades School

This building has been invaded by a herpetologist! However, there is no cause for alarm, for a herpetologist is someone who studies snakes.

Steve Grenard, 2BJ26, is a member of the New York Zoological Society and the Herpetologists' League.

On November 21-24, Steve and two friends—Eric Nagler of Midwood High School and Dave Brody of Richmond Hill High—displayed an exhibit at the "Festival of Pets," in the New York Coliseum. It was an educational exhibit, designed to dispel the false ideas which many people have about reptiles and amphibians. This exhibit is now on display in the third floor (west) science showcase.

Steve has written a treatise on all phases of reptiles and amphibians, and hopes to have it published. He plans to work at the Staten Island Zoo this summer as a volunteer keeper.

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Donald Del Seni, Dominick Di Mauro, Marcia Eisele, Barbara Elmenhurst, Elizabeth Fasano, Edith Frey, Janet Gehshan, Donald Goer, Eliot Goldenberg, Virginia Gordy, Dolores Grieco, Winfried Hansen, Henry Heise, Amy Hittner, Ellen Hoft, Annette Howe, Liv Jansen, Anne Johnson, Jonathan Kamin, Barbara Kennins.

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### Present Members

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sky, Wanda Jagocki, Roger Johnson, Helen Kiramidis, Dorothy Kopalko, Elizabeth Korein, Ellen Lamel, Betsy Lambertson, Angela La Preta, Clifford Larsen, Karen Larsen, Roderick MacRae, Jean Moser, June Nilsen.

Evelyn Richardson, Lee Rosenblum, Joan Schneider, Louise Segreto, William Unis, Dolores Vozzo, Harry Quayle, Aaron Zolotor.

## Gibbs Speaker Talks to Girls

A career conference for Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School was held November 27, in room 126, at which Mrs. Mary D. Mix, a Gibbs representative, addressed girl students.

The girls listened attentively as Mrs. Mix explained the requirements, courses, and tuition for the school.

"The calls for jobs outnumber the students at Katherine Gibbs ten to one," said the guest speaker.

Students may visit the school from 9 to 5 on weekdays and 9 to 12 on Saturday.

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## Students Plug To Lift Marks

By Harold Skilbred

Well into the second quarter, most students are laboriously attempting to improve upon the first quarterly results.

Students in Mr. Jerome Carlin's English honor class, 3H6, are preparing lengthy analyses concerning the works of the "greats" of twentieth century American literature.

Miss Anita Haut's first year required art classes made a special study entitled "Psychology in Advertising." This study was designed to evaluate the different methods of advertising, thus making the students more aware of their role as consumers; and to show the relationship between modern art and advertising.

The radio classes, instructed by Mr. Paul Szabo, are experiencing the thrill of building and testing their own radios. They began by building simple sets and are now proceeding to construct more complex ones. This course is equivalent to a year's work outside of school.

The first year history classes of Mr. Lester Weinberg went to see *The Ten Commandments* in order to enrich their curriculum; and his geography classes visited the earth satellite exhibit at the Museum of Natural History.

## Newman Club Plans Activities

The Newman Club, under the supervision of Miss Janice Alberti and Miss Rita McCann, has a steady series of stimulating religious and social activities scheduled for its members.

Plans for the future include an ice-skating party, the annual Communion Breakfast, a charity drive, a play at the Blackfriars' Guild, and a busride to Maryknoll.

Officers of the club are Stanley Orlovski, president; Joseph Ferrara and Barbara Brill, co-vice presidents; Barbara Venito, secretary; and Edith Frey, treasurer.

For students interested in joining the club, meetings are held Thursdays in room 363, at 3 p.m.

## Long Island Rep Stresses College

At a conference held November 26, Mr. S. Markman, Assistant Dean of Admissions at Long Island University, Brooklyn Division, discussed the need for scientists and leaders in industry and the importance of a college education.

Long Island University, a private non-sectarian college, offers day and evening sessions.

## Electrical Squad Sparks Activities Through Service

Have you ever wondered who the people are behind the sound system, white spotlights, and colored beams in the auditorium?

Responsible for these, and all other electrical effects in the auditorium, are the members of the Electrical Squad, under the supervision of Mr. David Cohen, a member of the Physical Science Department.

The squad is composed of Captain Richard Tomasetti, Co-Captain William Schmier, George Thornlow, Marvin Schmier, Richard Berman, Richard Dallascandro, Edward De Lorenzo, Barry Hirshfield, Robert Peterson, Robert Patterson, and Peter Gundersen.

These students render service for assemblies, plays, musicales and all meetings of the Parent Teachers Association.

### A Good Point

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving in words evidence of the fact.

—George Eliot

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